

success in the United States to Paul Heiden, the Finance Director of Rolls-Royce, plc.

As the Chief Financial Officer for Rolls-Royce, Mr. Heiden was personally involved with, and strongly supportive of, major capital investment in the United States industrial base. Most significant among those investments are the facilities in Mount Vernon, OH; Park City, UT; Oakland, CA; and Indianapolis. He has fostered trans-Atlantic trade and co-operation on defense and commercial aerospace programs, including engine development for the Joint Strike Fighter, and engines for regional jet aircraft. He was directly involved in the Rolls-Royce North American ventures as a member of the Board of Directors of Rolls-Royce North America Holdings, Inc, and in that role contributed immensely to the economic health of many American communities, including my own.

At year's end, Mr. Heiden will leave his post with Rolls-Royce. He will be sorely missed. At a time when our nation is most acutely aware of our good fortune in the trans-Atlantic partnership between the United States and the United Kingdom, I am reminded that it is the talent and determination of people like Paul Heiden that make this partnership so vibrant.

On behalf of the people of central Indiana, I wish him every good fortune in his future endeavors.

JOE SKEEN FEDERAL BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5427, a bill to designate the Federal Building in Roswell, New Mexico, the "Joe Skeen Federal Building." As we regretfully acknowledge, the gentleman from New Mexico will be retiring at the conclusion of the 107th Congress. JOE SKEEN, a Roswell native, has served his New Mexico constituents and his country admirably over the past 20 years. This legislation is a fitting tribute to commemorate JOE's achievements and service.

As a Members of Congress, we often work with colleagues from different parts of the country and from across the aisle. It has been a great privilege to have worked with JOE SKEEN. Since his first election in 1980, he has served on the Appropriations Committee, chairing the Subcommittee on Agriculture and currently, the Subcommittee on the Interior. JOE has always been a true gentleman and a straight shooter. When dealing with JOE, I always know JOE will give me a fair hearing on an issue and try to accommodate me when he could and politely said "no" when he couldn't. I could also always depend on JOE telling me a good story to underscore the point he was making.

On a personal note, I have had the pleasure of working with the gentlemen from New Mexico to further the progress of Parkinson's Disease research in America. In 1999, along with my colleagues—Mr. EVANS, Mr. MARK UDALL, TOM UDALL, and Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SKEEN and I—formed the Congressional Working Group on Parkinson's Disease.

Mr. SKEEN has been a true leader in the fight against Parkinson's Disease. The Work-

ing Group has sought to increase awareness among Members of Congress on Parkinson's related issues. Most importantly, the Working Group has advocated for accelerated and increased funding for Parkinson's research in the hopes that we soon find the cure for what leading scientists call the most curable neurological disorder.

We have had some significant success—since the start of the caucus, the National Institutes of Health's spending on Parkinson's has increased by 28 percent—a 43 million dollar increase over FY 2000. And we have Mr. SKEEN, in great part, to thank for this.

JOE also was critical in helping to secure a funding increase for the Department of Defense's Neurotoxin Exposure Treatment Research Program. The FY 2002 bill contained \$17 million in funding for the program, a \$2 million increase over FY 2001. This environmental research not only strives to improve the treatment of neurological diseases, but also aims to identify the causes of the disease and prevent them.

We will carry on the fight to cure Parkinson's, in part, inspired by the legacy of the great JOE SKEEN.

In closing, I have so appreciated JOE's wit and his great sense of commitment to important issues such as Parkinson's Disease, and his overall commitment to public service.

I fully support this bill to honor my esteemed friend and colleague JOE SKEEN for all of his legislative accomplishments as his service in Congress. I hope JOE enjoys his retirement, it is well deserved!

JOE SKEEN is a true national treasure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, last night, October 7, 2002, President Bush made a major policy speech on Iraq in my hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio. At the President's request, I attended the speech with him. Consequently, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes:

H.R. 3340—To allow certain catch-up contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan to be made by participants age 50 or over.

H.R. 5531—To facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan.

H. Res. 468—Transatlantic Security and NATO Enhancement Resolution of 2002.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of these bills.

CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I support the underlying objective of the bill, to expand the Amber Alert system nationwide and to improve the National Coordination of Amber

Alert Communications to help save the lives of kidnapped children. Unfortunately, a wide range of troubling provisions were added by the House Judiciary Committee. For example, this bill would include a provision to expand the type of homicide that can be punished by the death penalty. It would also increase mandatory sentencing, thus further eliminating judicial discretion and potentially leading to unfair punishments.

By bringing this bill to the floor in the form of a suspension bill, the opportunity for amendment and discussion of these controversial provisions has been hindered. I therefore withhold my support for H.R. 5422.

HONORING CITY COUNCILMAN PHILIP CAMPBELL, SR.

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to City Councilman Philip Campbell, Sr. one of my fellow public servants in Warner Robins, Georgia who died recently in a tragic accident.

Philip's service to the city began on August 2, 1965 as City Gas Inspector. After twenty-five years in that capacity, he retired and ran for public office where he proudly served for nine years. Phillip was known for his compassion and his dedication to the citizens of Warner Robins. During his tenure as city councilman, he fought to re-instate the senior citizen's homestead exemption tax and was always an advocate for the needs of city employees.

If he wasn't at City Hall or volunteering at Southside Baptist Church, you could always find Philip Campbell down at the local baseball diamond. Anyone who grow up in Warner Robins and played ball probably had Philip as a coach at some point. He loved teaching the kids how to play, and if one child didn't have a ride to practice, Philip would give him a ride. His generosity to the community was second only to his love for his family. A dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather Philip's legacy will continue impacting the citizens of Warner Robins for years to come.

There isn't a finer man I could have the honor of recognizing on the House floor, and want to extend my deepest sympathy and respect to the family of Philip Campbell. My wife Julianne and I join with his family in mourning the loss of this honorable individual.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443 and 444, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."